





## Adults who HOST lose the MOST!

Did you know that it is against the law...

- to drink alcohol if you are under the age of 21?
- for a parent, older brother or sister, or friend to give alcohol to you if you are under the age of 21?
- for an adult to host an underage drinking party at their house?

On May 1, 2007, the City of Tucson Mayor and Council unanimously adopted an ordinance that would crack down on adults who knowingly host underage drinking parties. The ordinance makes it a class 1 misdemeanor for adults who know that underage drinking is occurring on property that they own or control. A class 1 misdemeanor is the most serious class and carries a penalty of up to six months in jail.

The new "Social Host Ordinance, No. 10396" holds adults responsible for underage drinking events on property they own, lease, or otherwise control. Adults, older family members, and friends can be charged even if they did not provide the alcohol. And, they do not even have to be on the premises when the drinking occurs to be in violation of the law.

Underage drinking and parties are a formula for disaster. When underage drinkers get together to party, they often binge drink—consuming large amounts of alcohol in a very short amount of time. Binge drinking leads to violence, sexual assaults/rapes, fights, accidents, DUI, alcohol poisoning, and even death.

## Don't be a Social Host!